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REF: USUN 4332 AND PREVIOUS

1. SUMMARY: OF TWELVE REPRESENTATIVES WHO SPOKE IN FOURTH COMMITTEE GENERAL DEBATE NOVEMBER 4, FIVE (NIGER, CUBA, VIETNAM, CAPE VERDE AND SENEGAL) CRITICIZED INDONESIAN POSITION IN EAST TIMOR AND ONE (IRAN) SUPPORTED INDONESIAN POSITION. END SUMMARY.

2. REPRESENTATIVE OF NIGER HELD THE ISLAND OF TIMOR DIVIDED INTO TWO DISTINCTION REGIONS. HE SUPPORTED THE ARMED STRUGGLE OF THE PEOPLE OF EAST TIMOR FOR INDEPENDENCE AS HE SAW VIOLENCE THERE AS THE ONLY ALTERNATIVE TO FOREIGN DOMINATION.

3. CUBAN REPRESENTATIVE RECALLED UN RESOLUTIONS IN WHICH INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY HAS EXPRESSED ITS SOLIDARITY WITH FRETILIN AND REJECTED INCORPORATION OF EAST TIMOR INTO INDONESIA. HE CALLED ON UN TO SUPPORT RIGHT OF PEOPLE

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OF EAST TIMOR TO INDEPENDENCE AND SELF-DETERMINATION AND STATED MILITARY INTERVENTION MUST CEASE. THE UNITY AND TERRITORIAL INTEGRITY OF EAST TIMOR MUST BE SAFEGUARDED.

4. VIETNAMESE REPRESENTATIVE NOTED VIETNAM AND INDONESIA HAVE "GOOD NEIGHBOURLY RELATIONS." NEVERTHELESS SRV MUST EXPRESS ITS DISAPPROVAL OF INDONESIAN POLICY IN EAST TIMOR.

HE STATED VIENTAM, FAITHFUL TO ITS SUPPORT FOR LIBERATION STRUGGLES AND TO ITS 4-POINT POLICY ON SOUTHEAST ASIA, ENDORSES FRETILIN'S STRUGGLE FOR THE THE INDEPENDENCE OF EAST TIMOR. SRV REPRESENTATIVE CLAIMED UNDERLYING CAUSE OF "DOLEFUL SITUATION WHICH PREVAILS IN WESTERN SAHARA AND EAST TIMOR" LIES IN CRUEL MANEUVERS OF IMPERIALISM WHICH IS TRYING TO DIVIDE THIRD WORLD.

5. REPRESENTATIVE OF CAEP VERDE ALSO SUPPORTED FRETILIN. HE STATED THAT HUMAN RIGHTS OF PEOPLE OF EAST TIMOR HAVE BEEN VIOLATED. HE CALLED ON THE UN TO ADOPT ALL MEASURES WHICH WOULD ENABLE THE PEOPLE OF EAST TIMOR TO EXERCISE RIGHT OF SELF-DETERMINATION.

6. SENEGALESE REPRESENTATIVE REVIEWED RECENT HISTORY OF EAST TIMOR. HE BLAMED PORTUGAL FOR WASHING ITS HANDS OF SITUATION INSTEAD OF HELPING; NOTED THE LIBERATION PARTIES PERHAPS TRIED TO SEIZE POWER PREMATURELY; BUT PLACED MAJOR RESPONSIBILITY ON INDONESIA FOR OCCUPYING BY FORCE TERRITORY TO WHICH IT HAD NO CLAIM. UN SHOULD WORK OUT MEASURES WHICH WOULD ENABLE INDONESIA TO ABANDON ITS CURRENT POLICY, WHICH VIOLATES UN RESOLUTIONS.

7. REPRESENTATIVE OF IRAN OBSERVED SITUATION IN EAST TIMOR HAS IMPROVED SINCE 1975. HE REVIEWED EVENTS THAT BROUGHT INDONESIA INTO EAST TIMOR AND WONDERED HOW LONG

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WAR WOULD HAVE RAGED IN THAT TERRITORY IF INDONESIA HAD NOT INTERVENED. HE STATED HIS GOVERNMENT HAD FOLLOWED SITUATION IN EAST TIMOR CAREFULLY, AND IRANIAN AMBASSADOR VISITED EAST TIMOR. IT WAS CONCLUSION OF IRAN THAT PEOPLE OF EAST TIMOR HAVE EXERCISED VALID RIGHT OF SELF-DETERMINATION. YOUNG

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